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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In July 2003, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **five (5) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**. You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 5 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ JAKKS Pacific is recalling "Spit Smatter" Spray Foam. #03-153
- ❖ Small Small World is recalling "Egg Dippers" Easter Plush Toys. #03-155
- ❖ International Playthings Inc. is recalling Toy Stacking Rings. #03-165
- ❖ Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. is recalling Kids Sling Chair. #03-166
- ❖ Hedstrom Corp is recalling Trampolines. #03-168

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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**Release Number:** 03-153 JAKKS Pacific Inc., of Malibu, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 1.3 million units of "Spit Smatter" Spray Foam. The "Spit Smatter" spray comes in a pressurized can and emits a colored foam based on one of six brands: "Original Smatter," "Blueberry Smatter," "Banana Cream Smatter," "Lemon Meringue Smatter," and "Fatter Smatter." The brand name is printed on the can and the word "Nickelodeon" is printed on the orange trigger mechanism. The foam was manufactured in China. Discount department and toy stores nationwide sold the "Spit Smatter" foam cans between February 2002 and June 2003 for about \$10.

**Problem:** The aerosol cans can forcefully break apart, posing a risk of serious injury to nearby consumers.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the aerosol can away from children and contact the company for instructions on disposal and how to receive a full refund. Call JAKKS Pacific at (800) 554-5516 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, log on to the company's Web site at [www.jakkspace.com](http://www.jakkspace.com), or e-mail the company at [smatterrecall@jakks.net](mailto:smatterrecall@jakks.net).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03153.html>

**Release Number:** 03-155 Small Small World, of Englewood, N.J. is voluntarily recalling about 75,000 "Egg Dippers" Easter Plush Toys. The recall includes four animal plush toys. The white rabbit has a purple egg which reads "Happy Easter," the green rabbit has a yellow egg which reads "Happy Easter," the purple bear has a purple egg which reads "Happy Easter," and the yellow duck carries a green egg which reads "You're Egg-stra Special." Each toy

has a permanent label affixed which reads "The Boyd's Collection, Ltd." The toys were manufactured in China. Department and specialty stores nationwide sold these toys from February 2003 through April 2003 for about \$8.

**Problem:** The toys' seams can separate and allow small beads to be released, presenting an aspiration hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should call the firm on information on getting a free replacement toy.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03155.html>

**Release Number:** 03-165 International Playthings Inc. of Parsippany, N.J. is voluntarily recalling about 5,000 Earlyears Bobbie Bear Stacking Rings. The recalled Bobbie Bear Stacking Rings have a blue and orange rounded bottom, two multicolored stacking rings, and an orange plastic bear head topper. The toy can be spun like a top and makes a rattling sound when shaken. The toy is designed for children ages 6-24 months and has a model number of E00421, which can be found on the packaging. The rings were manufactured in China. Specialty toy stores nationwide sold these toys from April 2002 through March 2003 for about \$10.

**Problem:** Plastic knobs on the rings can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should contact the company for instructions on how to return the toy to receive a free replacement item of similar value. Call International Playthings at (800) 445-8347 anytime or log on to the company's Website at [www.intplay.com/recall.htm](http://www.intplay.com/recall.htm).



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**Release Number:** 03-166 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. of Bentonville, Ark. Is voluntarily recalling about 75,200 Home Trends Kiddy Sling Chair. The chairs are steel outdoor chairs with a white frame and a pink or blue sling fabric seat and back. The chairs measure about 9.5 inches in height. The seats have two small plastic covers located behind the back of the seat and two covers under the seat. The chairs were manufactured in China. Wal-Mart stores nationwide sold these chairs from Nov. 2002 through May 2003 for about \$13.

**Problem:** The small plastic bolt covers pose a choking hazard to small children.

**What to do:** Consumers should remove the plastic bolt covers or return the chair to Wal-Mart for a refund. Call Wal-Mart at (800) 925-6278 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at [www.walmartstores.com](http://www.walmartstores.com)



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03166.html>

**Release Number:** 03-168 Hedstrom Corp., or Bedford, Pa. Is voluntarily recalling about 116,000 Trampolines. These are 12-foot, 13-foot, and 14-foot trampolines, which were sold separately, and also banded together with safety enclosures. They were sold under the brand names Hedstrom and NBF. The brand name is written on the warning labels found on the

products. The recalled trampolines have model numbers 10136, 101366, 101442, 10146, 102369, 102949, 10321, 103217 or 10381. They also have four-digit date codes ranging from 0403 through 2103 with the last two digits always being 03. Model I.D. labels showing the model number and date code are located on one of the frame rail legs on the trampoline. They were manufactured in the U.S.A. Department, toy, and discount stores nationwide between January 2003 and May 2003 for between \$160 and \$225 for the single trampolines, and between \$320 and \$360 for the trampolines banded together with safety enclosures.

**Problem:** Welds on the frame of these trampolines can break during use, causing consumers to fall to the ground and suffer injuries.

**What to do:** Hedstrom is providing consumers with a free, in-home repair kit. Consumer Contact: Call Hedstrom at (800) 841-4351 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to the company's Web site at [www.hedstrom.com](http://www.hedstrom.com) and click on Customer Service. Call Hedstrom at (800) 841-4351 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to the company's Web site at [www.hedstrom.com](http://www.hedstrom.com) and click on Customer Service.



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